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Sent via email to [30905-30312248@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:30905-30312248@requests.muckrock.com)

RE: Freedom of Information Act Administrative Closure  
FOIA Tracking Number 820477

Dear Mr. Best:

The National Office of the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division (WHD) is responding to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated December 16, 2016. Specifically, you requested records from 2015 and 2016 relating to or mentioning Andrew Puzder, including communications received from or sent to Mr. Puzder, as well as emails mentioning him.

Since there had been an unusual delay in processing your request, we inquired to see if you were still interested via email on May 30, 2017. Not receiving a response, a second request through Catlin Russell was made on June 26, 2017. On July 13, 2017, you expressed your continued interest. On November 13, 2017, you requested a status update to which we advised you that the delay was due to the volume of the documents. When the electronic discovery for responsive records had concluded, you were contacted via email on March 1, 2019, to advise the first batch of responsive records consisted of 18,531 pages. You were asked to contact Government Information Specialist, Conrad Bassett, to discuss re-scoping or narrowing your request. There was no response to this email and we attempted to contact you again on April 10, 2019, by phone and email, asking that you respond by April 30, 2019. Since we have not heard from you, we are administratively closing your request. If you are still interested in receiving the requested records, please initiate a new FOIA request. You can submit your request by email to [foiarequest@dol.gov](mailto:foiarequest@dol.gov), fax (202) 693-0637, or mail to:

Office of the Solicitor  
Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-2420  
Washington, DC 20210

If you need further assistance, please contact this office via email at [whd-foia@dol.gov](mailto:whd-foia@dol.gov) or call 202-693-1004. If we cannot assist you in your concerns, you may also contact the Departmental FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks, at 202-693-5427 or email at [hicks.thomas@dol.gov](mailto:hicks.thomas@dol.gov). Alternatively, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration regarding available mediation services at:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, MD 20740-6001

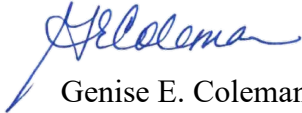
You can also reach that office by email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov), by phone at 202-741-5770, by fax at 202-741-5769, or by calling toll-free at 877-684-6448.

Finally, if you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date of this letter. The appeal must state in writing the grounds for the appeal, and it may include any supporting statements or arguments, but such statements are not required. In order to facilitate processing of the appeal, please include your mailing address and daytime telephone number, as well as a copy of the initial request and copy of this letter. The envelope and letter of the appeal should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Any amendment to the appeal must be made in writing and received prior to a decision to:

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Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N2420  
Washington, DC 20210

Appeals may also be submitted by email to [foiaappeal@dol.gov](mailto:foiaappeal@dol.gov). Appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted.

Sincerely,



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